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SUBJECT: BINATIONAL COMMISSION CO-CHAIRMEN SIGN UMBRELLA
AGREEMENT

REF: A) BA-3699

B) BA-0147

1. AS SCHEDULED, AT THE MAY 28 PLENARY MEETING (REF A) OF THE GOA/USG BINATIONAL COMMISSION ON NARCOTICS MATTERS, MINISTER OF SOCIAL WELFARE JOSE LOPEZ REGA, IN HIS CAPACITY AS CHAIRMAN OF CONATON AND ARGENTINE CO-CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION, AND AMBASSADOR HILL, IN HIS CAPACITY AS AMERICAN CO-CHAIRMAN, SIGNED THE UMBRELLA RESOLUTION ON COOPERATION IN NARCOTICS AFFAIRS (REF B), WHICH IN TURN WILL NOW PERMIT THE SIGNING OF INDIVIDUAL PROJECT AGREEMENTS.

2. THE CEREMONY RECEIVED HEAVY COVERAGE FROM ALL FOUR BA TELEVISION CHANNELS, THE PRESS AND RADIO.

3. IN A FEW BRIEF REMARKS, AMBASSADOR HILL NOTED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE TREATY IN THE JOINT EFFORT, OUR WILLINGNESS TO ASSIST

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WHERE APPROPRIATE IN GOA ACTIVITIES AND THE FACT THAT HE COULD

TAKE TO HIS WASHINGTON CONSULTATIONS THE NEWS OF THIS LATEST
EXAMPLE OF GOA-USG COOPERATION.

4. SPEAKING FOR ABOUT 10 MINUTES, LOPEZ REGA UNDERSCORED THE
THREAT POSED TO ARGENTINA BY THE MISUSE OF DRUGS AND CALLED
UPON ALL PARENTS, TEACHERS AND OTHERS TO PROTECT THEIR HOMES
AGAINST THE THREAT POSED TO THEIR CHILDREN BY THE MISUSE OF
DRUGS. HE NOTED THAT THE TREATY WOULD PERMIT THE
INTERCHANGE OF EXPERINCE, EQUIPMENTS AND TECHNICIANS, AS WELL
AS THE STRENGTHENING OF THE TIES OF THE AGENCIES OF BOTH
GOVERNMENT IN THE FIGHT. LOPEZ REGA ALSO STATED THAT ONE OF THE
GUERRILLAS TAKEN PRISONER IN THE JANUARY ATTACK ON THE AZUL
MILITARY GARRISON WAS OBVIOUSLY UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF
DRUGS AT THE TIME, A STATEMENT THAT WAS UNDERSCORED IN
ALL THE PRESS STORIES.
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